

Notice of Exemption

Form D

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency) Department of Water Resources
Division of Operations and Maintenance
1416 9th Street, Sacramento CA 95814

(Address)

County Clerk
County of _____

Project Title: Castaic Underdrain Cleaning

Project Location - Specific:

N 34°31'17.98", W 118°36'55.57"

Cross Streets: Lake Hughes Road and Ridge Rte. Road

Project Location – City: Santa Clarita

Project Location – County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

A contractor will clean and inspect the underdrain pipes in the Castaic Dam spillway. An onsite hydrant will be used as a water source. The waste (water and solids) produced from the cleaning process will be pumped out of the underdrain gallery into temporary onsite storage tanks before being pumped into a vac truck. The vac truck will filter out solids as small as 100 microns from the captured water. The remaining cleaned water will be discharged into a temporary settlement pond located at the downstream end of the spillway. The settlement pond will be an added precaution for the final discharge water that will percolate and evaporate from this settlement pond. The staging area will be the access area to the underdrains at the bottom of the spillway. All work is within DWR right of way.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Water Resources

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Department of Water Resources

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1, Existing Facilities, Section No. 15301(b)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The State Water Project provides significant and important services to many Californians. This project is exempt because it involves routine maintenance activities for a safe water supply. This project will not result in impacts to special status species or habitat. Because this activity can be implemented without any significant environmental impacts, the Categorical Exemption Class 1 will be used for CEQA compliance.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Sara Paiva-Lowry Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 653-9342

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: Sara Paiva-Lowry Date: 10/13/2020 Title: Chief, Environmental Regulatory Compliance Section

- Signed by Lead Agency Date received for filing at OPR: _____
- Signed by Applicant

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